

**PROPOSED ORDER**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

**Caption in Compliance with D.N.J. LBR 9004-1(b)**

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In re:

BLOCKFI INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)

(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION  
OF COLE SCHOTZ P.C. AS NEW JERSEY COUNSEL TO  
THE DEBTORS NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE**

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered two (2) through four (4), is hereby  
**ORDERED.**

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: BlockFi Inc. (0015); BlockFi Trading LLC (2487); BlockFi Lending LLC (5017); BlockFi Wallet LLC (3231); BlockFi Ventures LLC (9937); BlockFi International Ltd. (N/A); BlockFi Investment Products LLC (2422); BlockFi Services, Inc. (5965) and BlockFi Lending II LLC (0154). The location of the Debtors' service address is 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, NJ 07302.

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Upon the application (the “**Application**”)<sup>2</sup> of BlockFi Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the “**Debtors**”), pursuant to sections 327(a), 329, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014, and Local Rule 2014-1, authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Cole Schotz P.C. (“**Cole Schotz**”) as their New Jersey counsel in these proceedings *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date; and the Court having jurisdiction to decide the Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28. U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11* of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, dated September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); and consideration of the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and notice of the Application having been given as provided in the Application, and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and it appearing that no other or further notice of the Application need be provided; and upon the Declarations of Michael D. Sirota, Esq. and Zachary Prince in support thereof; and the Court being satisfied that Cole Schotz does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors, their estates, or their creditors, and is a disinterested person within the meaning of sections 327 and 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and that said employment would be in the best interest of the Debtors, their respective estates and creditors, and all

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

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parties-in-interest, and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Application is **GRANTED** to the extent set forth herein.
2. In accordance with sections 327(a), 329, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are hereby authorized and empowered to employ and retain Cole Schotz as their New Jersey counsel in these chapter 11 cases effective as of the Petition Date.
3. Any and all compensation to be paid to Cole Schotz for services rendered on the Debtors' behalf, including compensation for services rendered in connection with the preparation of the petition and accompanying papers, shall be fixed by application to this Court in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, such Federal Rules and Local Rules as may then be applicable, and any orders entered in these cases governing the compensation and reimbursement of professionals for services rendered and charges and disbursements incurred. Cole Schotz also shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Cole Schotz in the chapter 11 cases.
4. In order to avoid any duplication of effort and provide services to the Debtors in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, Cole Schotz shall coordinate with Haynes and Boone, LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Kirkland & Ellis International LLP and any additional firms the Debtors retain regarding their respective responsibilities in these chapter 11 cases.

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5. Prior to applying any increases in its hourly rates beyond the rates set forth in the Application, Cole Schotz shall provide ten (10) days' prior notice of any such increases to the Debtors, the United States Trustee, and any official committee appointed in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

6. The Debtors are authorized to take all action necessary to carry out this Order.

7. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.